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Father's Day's June 17

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptists will observe Father's Day on June 17 during worship services in churches across the nation. Mark Edwards, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Nashville, shows his pride in daughter Weslee, age three, and son Daniel, age two months. Photo by Mark Sandlin.

## Wake Forest May Not Elect Trustees, Law Firm States

By Charles Richardson  
WINSTON SALEM, N. C. (BP) — The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has a legal right to elect trustees of Wake Forest University and cannot be deprived of the task by trustees, according to a legal opinion by a Charlotte law firm.

This viewpoint is presented in a legal study by the firm of Fleming, Robinson, Bradshaw and Hinson, P. A., employed by the Baptist State Convention to study the legal relationship between the convention and Wake Forest.

The legal opinion focuses upon questions arising in the context of unilateral actions taken in December, 1978, by the university's trustees to amend the university's charter in fundamental respects.

Trustees deleted a charter provision empowering the convention to elect trustees and substituted a provision that the trustees shall be elected in the manner provided in the university's bylaws, although no procedure has yet been established in the bylaws for the election of trustees.

The opinion concludes, "We believe that the trustees' action in December 1978, was taken in good faith and was believed by them to be in the best interests of the great institution which they serve and to which they owe a fiduciary duty. We have constrained to state, however, that insofar as that action now or will purport unilaterally to deprive the convention of the right to elect trustees of the university, such action has no legal efficacy."

"The touchstone of the relationship between the convention and the university is the right of the convention to elect trustees," the opinion further stated. "It is through the election of trustees that the convention may be assured that the Christian and Baptist heritage of the university will be preserved."

The law firm's conclusions are based in part upon the mutual recognition of a contractual and trust relationship between the two entities throughout the entire history of the relationship. One specific example cited is the 1946 agreement between the university and Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc. One of the conditions of that contract is that control of the university "shall continue unaltered and undiminished in the board of trustees of Wake Forest College, as appointed or elected by the Baptist State Convention." The university receives funds from the foundation.

The opinion also considers the legal effect of other actions taken by the trustees last December, including the deletion of a provision in the university's charter requiring the trustees to obtain the convention's consent prior to encumbering the university's property, and to operate the university as an "agency" of the convention and in accordance with "policies" adopted by the convention. The opinion concludes that the university may legally be required to obtain convention consent prior to mortgaging its property.

With respect to the convention's specific policy that its institutions not accept government funding other than for services rendered, the law firm concludes that such policy has not been consistently applied with respect to Wake Forest University and thus does not empower the convention to exercise control over specific grants of government funds to the university.

The law firm also points out that its conclusions relate only to the relationship between the convention and Wake Forest University, which is unique in several respects, and does not apply specifically to any other institutions supported by the convention.

## Court Bars Deductions For Parochial School

WASHINGTON (BP) — Despite the objection of three justices, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that New Jersey's tax deduction provision for parents of students enrolled in nonpublic schools violates the "no establishment of religion clause" of the First Amendment.

With Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and associate justices Byron R. White and William H. Rehnquist calling for the high court to give a full hearing to the case, the other six justices summarily affirmed two lower federal courts which held earlier that New Jersey's plan had the primary effect of advancing religion contrary to the Constitution.

The New Jersey law, which included

a \$1,000 tax deduction for each dependent child attending a nonpublic elementary or secondary school, was challenged in U. S. District Court for New Jersey by a number of individual taxpayers and several organizations. They include the American Civil Liberties Union, Americans for Democratic Action, the American Jewish Congress, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Society of Separationists, and Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Both the district court and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the law unconstitutional. U. S. District Court Judge H. Curtis Meador declared that the law had "the direct effect of aiding religion and is . . . in violation of the 'establishment clause.'"

Judge Meador went on to say, "One need not be clairvoyant to know that if this New Jersey statute continues there will be increasing pressure to enhance it." That "would enmesh New Jersey in continuing political strife over aid to religion, thereby engaging the government of New Jersey in excessive entanglement with religion," Meador concluded.

On Jan. 12, 1979, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the district court ruling, declaring that the New Jersey law presented "an insurmountable obstacle" to the Supreme Court's 1973 ruling that the principal or primary effect of such a law must neither enhance nor inhibit religion.

"We hold that the exemption has a primary effect of advancing religion and therefore violates the First Amendment," the court declared.

Of New Jersey's 753 nonpublic schools, 714 are religiously affiliated, and of those, 575 are Catholic parochial schools.

In appealing the lower decisions to the nation's high court, New Jersey officials argued that "the meager amount of tax relief . . . is nothing more

than a recognition that taxpayers whose dependents attend elementary or secondary schools that are not funded by public monies have an added financial burden deserving of some form of tax relief."

They further maintained that "the benefits, if any . . . upon organized religion are incidental."

New Jersey Attorney General John J. Degnan also argued that the tax exemption provisions "are not part of

a comprehensive aid package" such as a New York plan struck down six years ago by the Supreme Court.

Degnan pointed out that the provision was but one of several identical \$1,000 deductions for dependency, old age, blindness, and disability, among others. He also noted that a separate provision of the law allows for a \$1,000 deduction for each college student enrolled any college or university, private or public, in the state.

## Final Lottie Moon Total Just Under \$36 Million

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptists gave a record \$35,919,605.40 to the 1978 Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions.

The total is a 12.5 percent increase over the 1977 offering of \$31,938,553, or a dollar increase of more than \$3.98 million. The goal for the offering, which provides nearly half the budget for Southern Baptists' foreign missions enterprise, was \$40 million.

"We praise God for the wonderful victory attained in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering," said Baker J.

Cauthen, executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. "This great gift, along with the Cooperative Program (unified budget) will support missionaries, provide funds for work around the world, and bring glory to our Lord."

"We thank Woman's Missionary Union (which sponsors and promotes the offering) and every church, pastor, organization, and person who by prayer, love and giving made it possible."

## RA Camps Begin Soon At Central Hills Assembly



With the opening session of Royal Ambassador camp only a few weeks away, all registrations for camp should be mailed to the Brotherhood Department as soon as possible, according to Rusty Griffin, RA director for Mississippi. Several weeks are nearing capacity, he said.

"The new facility at Central Hills will give boys an exciting week of camp life. Canoeing, fishing, swimming, and horseback riding are highlighted activities each day," Griffin added.

Special mission emphasis will be an important part of each week. Missionaries who will be at camp to share

their experiences with the campers include Paul Vandercook, who does language work on the Mississippi Gulf coast; Jerry Rankin from Indonesia who works in preaching ministry; and Van W. Williams, III, a medical missionary from India.

"All boys are invited to be a part of the new camp program at Central Hills this summer," Griffin emphasized. Resident camps (grades 4-12) are June 25-29, July 9-13, July 16-20, July 23-27, July 30-August 3, and August 6-10. These camps will cost \$40 per person.

Dad-Lad Weekends for grades 1-3 and their fathers or counselors will cost \$10 per person and will be held July 20-21 and July 27-28.

Royal Ambassadors in grades 10-12 will be able to join in either of two backpacking trips to the Ozark Mountains this summer. Cost per person for these trips will be \$60. The first trip leaves July 16 and returns on the 20th, with the second one running July 23-27.

Make reservations for any of the camps now by sending \$5 registration fee per person along with the appropriate reservation information to the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

## Foreign Mission Board Assigns John, Jean Jacobs To Trinidad



By Anne McWilliams

John and Jean Jacobs will return to the Caribbean this summer, where the Foreign Mission Board has reassigned them as missionary associates in Trinidad. "We are waiting for work permit approval and hope to leave by July," he said.

Previously they were missionaries in Guyana for four years and on Dominica for about two years. Since 1975 they have been at Clarke College, he as Bible teacher and she as director of public information.

"We knew that one day the Lord would open a place for us again," John said. "We had been thinking of going to Belize, but the opportunity of Trinidad came. It was a kind of emergency need, and the Foreign Mission Board

asked us if we would consider it. We felt like it was the place the Lord wanted us to go."

Jean added, "The Foreign Mission Board is trying to place missionaries in every section of the Caribbean area."

They did not want to give up their Guyana ministry, but following a furlough in 1974 they were unable to return. "We were happy there. The people are warm and loving," Charles and Mary Love of Texas are the only missionaries still assigned to Guyana.

Mission work in Trinidad is six months older than that in Guyana; Southern Baptist mission work opened in Guyana in 1963. Two missionaries couples, Ed and Joyce Perimon and

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## SBC Annual Sermon . . .

# Accept God's Great Glad Day!

By William M. "Bill" Hinson  
Pastor

First Baptist Church of New Orleans  
God is definitely giving us a great day of challenge. He calls for us to accept it with gladness and rejoicing.

I want you to quote with me, in unison, our text for this hour found in Psalm 118:24.

"This is the day which the Lord hath made;

we will rejoice and be glad in it."

The exciting theme of this Convention is another call for us to join in our "Bold Mission Thrust . . . While It Is Yet Day!" As we stand before this verse, I am confident He wants to urge us to "ACCEPT GOD'S GREAT GLAD DAY!" To dispel our hesitation, He gives us God's Positive Declaration. To reprove our procrastination, He gives us God's Particular Day. To crystallize our sagging loyalties, He gives us God's Primary Demand. And to admonish us for our indecision, He paints an exciting picture of God's People Deciding.

GOD'S POSITIVE DECLARATION

"This IS the day"

Too many of us have spent too much time in "speed-reading" courses so that we often move past God's declaration for us today. "THIS IS the day" was the message that the Psalmist

sang to a perplexed people. God does not declare: (1) this *ought* to be the day, or (2) this *might* be the day, nor (3) this *could* be the day. He positively states, "THIS IS the day!" This we must accept!

Sir Winston Churchill said, when he was twenty-five years of age, "There is so much for me to do and such a limited time to do it!" No wonder he has been declared by many as one of our greatest statesmen ever. He had that rare ability to live courageously in the "now," and not wistfully wait for the "sweet by and by."

If we are to accept the challenge of our theme, "Bold Mission Thrust . . . While It Is Yet Day," we must do it today . . . not tomorrow. You cannot escape today by taking refuge in tomorrow. We live perpetually in the present tense. The great verb in the Bible is the verb: "to be." There is no separation . . . departmentalizing here from there. We always stand both feet within the very midst of our eternity. This very instant is your past and future living in the NOW. God is declaring that you cannot easily discard a day: all time is in it, and your responses to Him determine more than clocks can count. The whole chronometry of faith has been distorted into short divisions. Let me tell

you, only man has made these temporary flat plateaus that he calls "my time." God's concept of time was simpler and more realistic, wrapped up in that one verb, "to be." It is true that Hebrew has no grammar and its verbs no rest; they are continuous. It is a way of saying that God's work in our world is never done. God's hand IS on it, thumping and remodeling. God's voice is still declaring, "THIS IS the day."

The writer, Vicki Baum, in *Grand Hotel*, describes this fallacy of man-made interludes. "The real thing," says one character, "is always going on somewhere else. When you are young, you think it will come later. Later on, you think it was earlier. When you are here, you think it is there. But when you get there, you find that life has doubled back and is quietly waiting here . . . here in the very place that you ran away from." So, that puts it graphically. Tomorrow is not somewhere else; the future does not lie in wait. The thing to be . . . already is.

Consider God's positive declaration in His Son Jesus Christ. There are strident voices today that want to make Christ a past event. Many historians still would like to closet Him in those closed quarters called "an ancient

time" . . . things done and gone. By placing God into conflicting pockets of chronology, we keep Him out of our today. Too many Baptists live as if He WAS . . . and WILL BE, but He isn't NOW. How different from what He said, "I AM the way, the truth, the life!" "I AM the vine, the shepherd, and the door." "I AM, and before Abraham was, I AM" . . . perpetually PRESENT, continually CONSTANT, eternally INSTANT! He is in . . . THIS Day!

God is proving His positive declaration beyond any question. Our church-related colleges and seminaries are experiencing record enrollments. Long before we adopted the challenging theme, "Bold Mission Thrust," God was calling, and our young were responding to "do His will" in their lifetime . . . NOW! One of the many thrills that I have at the First Baptist Church of New Orleans is being the pastor of the president, the many faculty and administrative members, plus students of our New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Practically every week we have seminary professors going out with their students from our church to witness for Christ in our world city. Yes, our seminaries are full of dedicated students and professors who are positive

about God's declaration to expose our world to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We need more churches to accept God's positive declaration. I wonder, was the late Dr. Sam Shoemaker right when he said, "Our churches today are a field of evangelism, rather than a force for evangelism?" Also, was Dr. Arthur Archibald right when he said, "The alarming thing is that evangelism is dying inside the church, not merely outside of it?" Well, they are both right, if your church and my church does not accept God's great glad day . . . TODAY.

World events are pointing us to God's positive declaration as never before. I remember hearing the inimitable Dr. Hershel H. Hobbs read the following editorial from *Harper's* magazine, "It is a gloomy moment in history. Not in the lifetime of any man who reads his newspaper has there been so much grave and deep apprehension. Never has the future seemed so dark and incalculable."

"In France the political cauldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty. England and the British Empire are being sorely tried and exhausted in social and economic struggle."

"The United States is beset with ra-

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## \$20,000 Goes To Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (BP) — A \$20,000 emergency allocation for hunger relief in strife-stricken Nicaragua has been granted by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Food items will be purchased and distributed to refugees and others severely affected by the nation's massive strike and fighting between government and guerrilla forces. The urgent request for relief came from the Baptist Convention of Nicaragua, said John R. Cheyne, the board's associate consultant for relief ministries. Money will be administered by missionaries

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# Accept God's Great Glad Day!

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cial, industrial and economic chaos, drifting . . . we know not where.

"Russia hangs like a storm cloud on the horizon of the world, dark, menacing and foreboding. It is a solemn moment and no man can feel indifference, which no man pretends to feel, in the issue of events. Of our own troubles, no man can see the end."

And what was the date of this editorial? Was it June 1979? No, it appeared in *Harper's* on October 10, 1847. The significance of this editorial is not its exact parallel with today's world conditions. Instead, we would note the attitude of the man who wrote it. So weighted down was he with a gloomy international picture that he was ready to throw in the towel, to call the whole venture of life a failure and quit. Had all men in 1847 felt the same way, the world might well have missed the most glorious era in its history! The Word is stronger than ever, "Behold NOW is the accepted time," and "TODAY is the day of salvation!"

## GOD'S PARTICULAR DAY

"This is THE day"

I would rather be a Baptist pastor today than at any time in the history of mankind! I do not stand today on SBC statistics. We do have a great history. I am challenged by the great moments in Baptist history that have brought us to this hour . . . but God has given us . . . THIS PARTICULAR DAY. "This is THE day which the Lord hath made."

Dr. Maxwell Maltz said that his research reveals that "The average Southern Baptist wakes up in the morning and his thought processes go something like this . . . 60% of that energy is geared to yesterday, 20% is utilized for today, and 20% is reserved for thoughts about tomorrow." What Dr. Maltz was saying is that too many of us are anchored in the past tense.

Jesus has called us, not to tolerate our day in history . . . but to accept His particular day of opportunity. "Nostalgia" seems to be the order of the day in too many of our church and denominational gatherings. I wonder if this indicates that we are actually afraid of the future, and we fantasize about the past that actually robs us of the exciting challenge of our particular day?

I wanted to argue with J. P. Allen when he said, "Tomorrow is a dangerous word," but he went on to say, "Not a bad word, just dangerous." But, of course, dynamite is dangerous, and very beneficial. Love, too, is dangerous . . . and good. Money can bless or curse. Great virtues have obverse sides, and we require spiritual sensitivity to "distinguish the things that differ." In reality, Jesus warned us that we must not be blinded to God's positive declaration. "Quit being anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day." (Matthew 6:34 R.S.V.). There you have the reason clearly established; tomorrow is dangerous only because it fights today! Whatever robs us of today, robs us of the work and zest, without which we cannot achieve an abundant tomorrow.

To accept God's particular day, we need to have the mind of Christ. Paul stated, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:5). Phillips and Moffat expand this verse for our particular day, "Let Christ Jesus be your EXAMPLE as to what your ATTITUDE and PURPOSE should be in life." My close friend, Paul J. Meyer, President of SMI International, shared with me the best definition that I have found when he said, "Attitude is actually a habit of thought." We need to habitually think the thoughts of Christ . . . today. It is extremely important what our attitude should be in claiming our particular day for God's honor and glory. I constantly thank Him that He has called me and put me in a place of service in this time of challenge. We are experiencing the greatest "swing of history" that the world has ever known, and I want to be a part of it, for His honor and glory. Not tomorrow, but today, boldly accepting . . . gladly giving . . . for His honor and glory.

## GOD'S PRIMARY DEMAND

"The day which the LORD hath made"

Now we get down to the nitty gritty of this Hebrew parallelism. "This is the day that THE LORD hath made." You see, great programs do challenge us, and often stimulate some human-response success. But we will not march to God's positive declaration for His particular day with any sense of real revival as a Bold Mission Thrust without crowning Him anew as the Lord of our individual lives. For too long we have been waiting for "another program." If "a million more in '54" didn't work . . . "THEY" will come up with another one, and we will give it a try. When in reality, we are merely "playing church." Too many are for "programs" in words only. In an antiseptic kind of way, we actually cheat . . . because we have not made a basic commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

When He is Lord, we will experience the gift of Spiritual Visualization. The reason that many of our church members are confused about "spiritual gifts" is simply because they have not crowned Jesus Christ as the master, the ruler, the Lord of their lives. We usually quote, "Where there is no vision the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18), when we launch a building program at our churches or a fund drive for our institutions. The Revised Version gives a better interpretation of the word perish, "Where there is no vision the people 'get out of hand.'"

When He is not the master sentiment of our life, we "get out of hand." When He is the Lord of our life, we will have a sense of spiritual visualization that will literally captivate us to accept God's great glad day . . . now! Vance Havner was right when he said, "He will be Lord of all, or not Lord at all."

I realized this when I read that Southern Seminary opened in 1859 in Greenville, South Carolina with a faculty of four. Dr. John Broadus and three other men gave themselves to the task of a theological education for young men from our Baptist churches. Those few students felt that God was leading them to claim their day in His name. Several years later, after the Civil War, the South was impoverished. There was a great sense of futility that followed the "defeat" of many Southerners. Baptists in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia had nothing . . . and it looked as if that little seminary could not make it. History reveals that one day John Broadus called that small faculty together and said something like this, "Men, why don't we decide that Southern Seminary may go under, but each one of us will go under first. If we believe that Jesus is truly the Lord of life . . . then Southern Seminary may die, but each one of us will die first." They had a prayer meeting. From that prayer meeting came their affirmation from the Lord. Out of that commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ has come a tremendous power of religious education. My education grew out of that commitment in that room over 100 years ago. Men that I never saw. I didn't go to that school, but the two seminaries that I did graduate from came out of that spirit of commitment. In the midst of their shattered world, the Lord gave them a vision to accept God's great glad day!

God has declared the day and when He is Lord, He will determine the hour, and He will always deliver the power! God's Holy Spirit is definitely convicting of sin today and pointing to the Lordship of Christ. We must not ignore His primary and basic command.

God's primary demand calls for us to stop talking about our Convention, and start talking about Jesus!

God's primary demand urges us to stop "classifying Christians" and start edifying one another in Him!

God's primary demand should inspire us to stop propagating half-truths and start praying for our mission agencies in a spirit of cooperation for this particular day.

I occasionally hear of "power plays" in the Southern Baptist Convention. Well, my friends, let me tell you, as one rural pastor that I will always love adequately say, "The Southern Baptist Convention ain't nothing without my church." And he is right! My challenge is calling the First Baptist Church to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, that we might claim the soul of the city of historic New Orleans! We "cooperate" with our mission giving. We pray for our agencies to act as a clearing house for God's blessings for our church with the young He calls for our families and fellowship. The only "power plays" that score for eternity are the result of God's Holy Spirit through His Word working through committed Christians everywhere.

It is now becoming more evident that the "critics without credentials" are a bore; and actually keep many Christians on the sidelines with their debates . . . instead of boldly sharing Christ in life's struggles. Many of them are better known for what they are against, rather than what they are for! They are constantly out to denounce something, or denounce someone. They organize all of their loyalties around whatever they oppose. I repeat . . . when Jesus Christ is the Lord of our lives . . . we will accept God's great glad day . . . and let His Holy Spirit admonish and repudiate those that do not "walk in the Spirit!" And . . . He will do just that!

When God's primary demand is acknowledged by His people, extraordinary things happen. I have seen Southern Baptists scattered all over our nation (into geographical areas not traditionally interested in "Southern" Baptists) make a difference in their community. I have seen some people go into a church (it is also true in a business) where "nothing is happening," and because of the Lordship of Jesus Christ, they don't catch the "nothing happening" spirit, but they are able to point others to Christ as they accept God's great glad day.

GOD'S PEOPLE DECIDING

"We WILL rejoice and be GLAD in it!"

God's gift becomes very personal now, as we accept "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we WILL rejoice and BE GLAD in it." God can positively declare His particular day, but we must sense the urgency as His people to respond, even now, "while it is yet day!"

Tonight, when we move to the Astro-dome for that dramatic commissioning service with Billy Graham preaching, we will be joined by thousands of our church members in major cities across America. This will be accomplished through the miracle of transmitting that service via satellite. Audiences that will be made up of Baptists assembling during their regular prayer meeting hours will be with us through the use of closed circuit television. The exciting reality of capturing the potential of THIS DAY came from the vision of our President, Dr. Jimmy Allen. This is but a foretaste of boldly deciding to do it today.

After the Spinx-Ali fight in our New Orleans Superdome last year, we were informed that over one billion people either watched on television or heard on radio that fight "live." It staggered my imagination. One out of four inhabitants on the globe being able to either listen or watch a fight that was going on in my city. Dr. V. L. Stanfield was right when he recently challenged his seminary class, "One day soon we will see one man committed to Jesus Christ, preaching to over two million people at one time on television." When will we decide to do it?

On April 13, 1979 ABC apologized that a newscast for April 6 (Friday) was played again in error on Friday, April 13. The week old newscast was telling of the dangerous accident at the nuclear power plant on Three Mile Island, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. There was a call for the people to evacuate (on Friday, April 13) when in reality, the "new news" for April 13 was that the danger had passed and families were already re-occupying their homes and businesses in nearby Harrisburg. It reminded me of W. B. Suthin saying that it was actually true that every word we utter is eternally recorded out in space. In England, several years ago, it was authenticated that a television program which had been abandoned in America for several years, never re-run, and never kinescoped, a one-shot live participation show, appeared one night all over England five years after its performance. No one could explain it. It was hanging somewhere in the atmosphere; nobody could get rid of it. Imagine that! But even worse, imagine you, yourself, as forever. Today is always more important than we make it. For it is not the sum of them that counts, but anyone of them that suddenly already IS, and always "WILL BE."

My "father in the ministry," and former pastor, Ralph E. Gwin, preached a sermon when I was a teen-

ager that I will never forget. He preached on the "Attitude of Gratitude." God's Spirit made me glad that I was a Christian. I wanted to rejoice. I want to rejoice in the Lord daily and let Him claim, through me, my world.

Some are bewildered by the phenomenon of the "electric church" and para-church groups. Could it be that they are filling a surface void because too many of our churches are dead in tradition and ritualism? Our prayerful logo-reminder at F.B.C.N.O. is *koinonia en Theos*, "The Fellowship of Enthusiasm." Yes, we need to rejoice and be glad "IN God" because "GOD is IN us!"

When I was a young boy, a playmate and I received a small toy replica of a sliding trombone from the dime store. From our driveway I called to my mother . . . I can still see her peering through the kitchen window as I said, "Mother, we have something to play for you on your birthday." We made an effort to hum through "Amazing Grace" how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see." My friend, Stanley, said, "Hey, your mother is crying." I knew that our music wasn't good, but I didn't realize that it was that bad. I said, "Mother, what is wrong?" She replied, with a broad smile, "Billy, these are tears of joy. When I think of the amazing grace that God has given me through Jesus Christ, I am so glad, that my rejoicing brings tears to my eyes. One day, Billy, I pray that you will know of that amazing grace!"

Everytime I sing "Amazing Grace," I realize the challenge of "when we've been there ten billion years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first began." God is calling for us to REJOICE and be GLAD as we accept His great day NOW.

I was recently talking to our Pastor Emeritus, Dr. J. D. Grey. I asked him

to verify some of the exciting and humorous stories for which he had been given credit (he denies many of them with a smile). He challenged me by responding, "Oh, beloved Pastor Hinson, today is more exciting than all the days that I have ever known. We must decide to claim the power of God in Christ at all costs, for our world . . . today."

If we are to accept God's great glad day, we must decide . . . NOW that we will be willing to take a RISK in HIS name. Dr. Sol Ray Rosenthal, formerly Professor of Preventive Medicine at the University of Illinois, and Medical Director of the Research Foundation in Chicago, recently revealed his studies in a paper entitled, "RISK EXERCISE." Dr. Rosenthal asked the questions . . . "why do individuals enjoy flying airplanes upside down; racing high-powered motor cars, climbing mountains with frostbite and no oxygen; plus water and snow skiing, etc.?"

Dr. Rosenthal states, "The thesis of risk exercise is that calculated risks on a physical or mental basis are necessary for our daily well-being. They maintain our very evolution and aging processes." Rosenthal went on to say that many individuals today dream of retiring, completely changing their lifestyle, and in essence, "doing nothing." He goes on to reveal that death comes prematurely to such individuals.

God has called us to take a risk for Him. The euphoria that an athlete feels following a great achievement in his "risk exercise" is but a small picture of "we will rejoice and be glad in it." If we are going to reach our goal of sharing the Gospel with every person in the world by the year 2,000 . . . we must decide to take spiritual risks today.

THIS IS THE DAY TO RESPOND . . . AS NEVER BEFORE . . . BY ACCEPTING GOD'S GREAT GLAD DAY!

**Kota Bharu, Malaysia** — When 18 people gathered to worship in the newly rented second floor of a shop in Kota Bharu, Malaysia, Baptists marked their official entry into the thirteenth and final state in Malaysia. Southern Baptist missionaries Hugh and Kathryn Smith are assisting in the work in Kota Bharu. A total of 20 Southern Baptist missionaries are assigned to Malaysia.

**Lusaka, Zambia** — Southern Baptist missionary Lonnie Turner recently paid \$315 for a chocolate bar in Zambia. Chocolate bars are rare in Zambia, but Turner's willingness to pay such a high price for little more than 2.75 ounces of candy was influenced by the knowledge that his money would be part of the mission's contribution to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. The offering raised by the 30 missionaries in Zambia totaled \$1,840.24, almost twice the goal of \$1,000 set by missionary Karen Brandon. Miss Brandon promoted the first offering ever collected at the annual meeting of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Zambia.

**Pineville, La. (BP)** — Stock valued at \$120,000 has been donated to Louisiana College by the Frost Foundation of Shreveport, La., as a matching grant toward establishment of the first endowed academic chair at the Baptist school. In February 1978, the Frost Foundation provided a \$100,000 grant to Louisiana College over four years to fund a management/information system currently assisting the college in its long-range planning efforts.

**Baguio, Philippines** — The Summer Institute of the Philippines Baptist Theological Seminary and Bible School has announced a record enrollment of 118, according to Grover F. Tyner Jr., Southern Baptist missionary and seminary president.

## Rural Needs Focus Of June Meeting

ATLANTA — Southern Baptists involved or interested in rural missions are invited to attend an organizational meeting for a religion and rural life council June 25 in Washington, D. C.

The organizing meeting will be at the Shoreham - Americana Hotel and participants will discuss affiliating with Rural America, a non-profit membership group involved in education and research about persons in small towns and open countryside.

The idea of forming a council to promote idea exchange of concepts for rural church ministry grew from the National Festival on Religion and Rural Life held in Indianapolis, Ind., summer, 1978.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board participated in that festival with James Nelson, director of associational services serving on the executive committee.

Issues needing discussion include rural needs, like adequate health care, transportation and employment agricultural services . . . and how the rural church can help solve these problems.

For more information contact J. T. Burdine, national consultant for the Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St., NW, Atlanta, GA 30309.



## Doris Posey Is In MSC In Switzerland

Mrs. Doris Posey, member of the Center Ridge Church in Yazoo City, has volunteered to serve with the Mission Service Corps of the Foreign Mission Board. She is already on the field in Switzerland, having left on May 14. She is dietitian for the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon near Zurich.

## Foreign Mission Board Assigns John, Jean Jacobs To Trinidad

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Don and Nancy Snell, have been on assignment in Trinidad, and the Snells will transfer to another station.

The Jacobs will work with the Valley Baptist Church in the San Fernando section of Trinidad. Jean, assigned to home and church, hopes to work with young people. John will be field evangelist, specializing in training laymen. "I will work with theological education by extension, the same kind of theological training I set up and helped to develop in Guyana," he said. "We think the same type of training will be successful in Trinidad, because the people of Trinidad and Guyana are of similar backgrounds. Many are descendants of laborers who came from India. Quite a few are of African descent. Others are Amerindians, and Europeans.

"Our work will be English language work," John stressed. "But that is British English!" Though Trinidad has had its independence from England for a long time, the British ways and customs have clung to the islanders.

The English language spoken and the nearness of the Caribbean area make it easy for people in the States to adopt mission projects there, Jean said.

"On Dominica," John reflected, "a mixture of languages has turned into what amounts almost to a new language." Born in Canton, Ohio, he still speaks with an accent that is not Mississippian.

He met Jean while both were students at Clarke College. Soon after their graduation from Clarke they married. She attended MC briefly and

later graduated from Delta State. He got a B.A. degree from Mississippi College and Master of Divinity from Golden Gate Seminary.

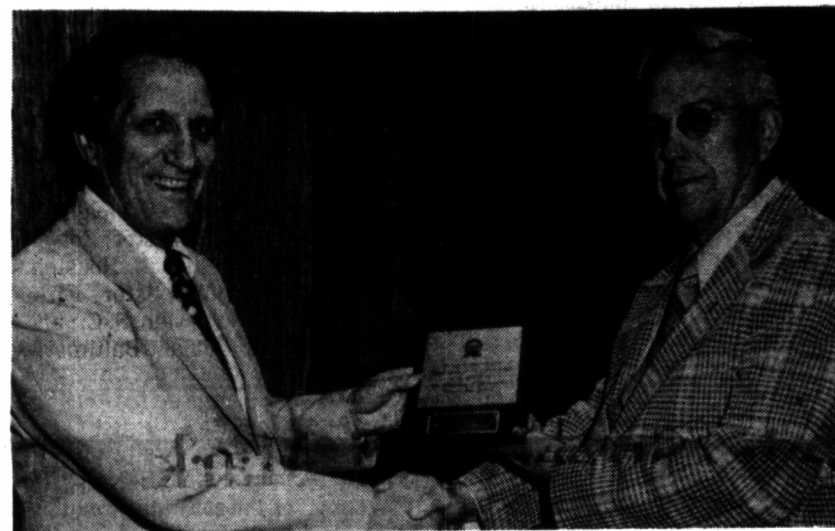
When appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969 he was pastor of Central Church in Eureka, Mo. In Guyana he was missionary advisor to Baptist churches and missions and was mission treasurer. She, a missionary homemaker, was also advisor for Girls in Action throughout Guyana.

In 1974 they transferred to Dominica. After a time, they did not feel this was where the Lord wanted them to be, so they resigned and came back to Mississippi. The Jacobs live at Union, where he is pastor of Emmanuel Church. Besides preaching and teaching he has been studying and has obtained the Doctor of Ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary.

Before leaving for Trinidad they plan to spend some time with Jean's mother, Mrs. J. W. Holley, in Booneville.

A graduation and a wedding have been on their agenda this spring. Their youngest son, Tom, graduated from William Carey College. Married to Anita Copeland of McHenry, Miss., he is now minister of music at Woolmark. During June, their other son, John, Jr., who works with a chemical company in St. Louis, will marry Connie Dwyer.

Do they expect to visit Guyana soon? "Oh, yes," Jean answers quickly. "We are anxious to see our friends there, and the children who are our namesakes." Then she adds, "Guyana is only a 45-minute flight from Trinidad."



## Winders Honored By UM Alumni

Ralph B. Winders, who retired May 31 as director of the Department of Student Work, was honored April 10 by the University of Mississippi Alumni Association. James Butler, assistant director of Alumni Activities at Ole Miss, made the presentation. The statement of appreciation reads: "In appreciation of your outstanding efforts contributing to the growth of The University of Mississippi Alumni Association through thirty-five years of Baptist Student work."

## Church Music Leadership Week July 26-28 Keyboard Conference

Mrs. Helen McWhorter, assistant professor in the School of Music at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, will be the guest clinician for the Keyboard Conference of Church Music Leadership Week at Gulfshore, according to Mrs. Dot Pray, coordinator of the Keyboard conference.

The conference, set for July 26-28, will offer classes for both advanced and inexperienced pianists and organists. Combined sessions for all accompanists will include: What to Play and Where to Find It; Planning for Worship Services; Transposition; and Understanding the Hymnal.

"We will also have one class session for ministers of music, music directors, pianists, and organists," said Mrs. Pray.

Mrs. McWhorter, past dean of the American Guild of Organists, will be leading the Master Class for organ. In leadership positions for the other keyboard classes are Jan King, Irene Martin, and Senita Webb, area keyboard clinicians for the Church Music Department.

For information concerning the conference, contact Mrs. Dot Pray, Music Specialist/Keyboard, Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

For registration information, contact Mr. Frank Simmons, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS 39571.

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## Market Man Turns Preacher, Gets Table

DALLAS (BP) — Texas Baptist Convention President Milton Cunningham and his wife were dining at a Dallas hotel when they overheard a man tell the waitress, "I'm president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and I expect good service."

"I'm going to have some fun," said Cunningham, pastor of Westbury Baptist Church, Houston.

He walked over to where the man was eating with a woman and two other men and said, "I'm president of the Texas Baptist Convention, and I like to know the people I work with."

The counterfeit president covered his face with his hands. The woman gasped, "I knew this was going to happen." One of the other men mumbled, "I'm leaving."

Finally the shocked pretender looked out from behind his hands to ask, "Mister, are you for real?"

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# Revival Results Good News Mississippi

This is a partial listing of April Revival Results. More results will be printed in future issues.

Church	By Letter	By Baptism	Church	By Letter	By Baptism
<b>Lawrence</b>					
Bethel	1	4	Barefoot Springs	0	1
Calvary	2	3	Bethel	0	1
Carmel	1	9	Brandon, First	0	7
Crooked Crk.	2	5	Castlewoods	1	0
New Hebron	7	26	Cleary	1	0
Oakvale	0	1	Eastside, Pearl	7	33
Sauls Valley	0	3	Fannin	0	1
Shiloh	0	1	Grandview	1	0
Topeka	0	1	Day Star Mission	2	4
Wanilla	4	7	Meadow Grove	4	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>60</b>	Mt. Pisgah	1	0
			Pearl, First	1	0
			Pearson	5	0
			Pelahatchie	0	8
			Pinelake	0	3
			Puckett	1	0
			Rehobeth	1	3
			Star	0	1
			Sunshine	1	6
			Trinity	0	3
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>73</b>

<b>Lincoln</b>					
Arlington	2	0			
Bogue Chitto	0	2			
Brookhaven, First	2	11			
Central	3	1			
(By Statement)	2				
Easthaven	0	1			
Fair River	0	3			
Friendship	2	0			
Heucks Retreat	0	6			
Macedonia	1	3			
New Prospect	2	2			
New Sight	0	12			
Pleasant Grove	4	0			
Ruth	0	2			
Union Hall	0	1			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>44</b>			

**BIBLE PUZZLE ANSWERS**

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"The words of a talebearer are as wounds" (Prov. 18:8).

## Main Street Will Mark John Barnes' 35th Year

June 15 will mark the 35th anniversary of John E. Barnes, Jr. as pastor of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg. The event will be celebrated by the church Sunday, June 17, with a special program during the morning worship service and presentation of a surprise gift, and with dinner on the grounds at noon.

Barnes moved to Hattiesburg in 1944 from the pastorate of First Church, West Point. Prior to that he served First Church, Atmore, Alabama. During college and seminary, he was pastor in Birmingham, Ala., Elizabethtown, Ky., and Quincy, Ind. The pulpit committee which recommended him to Main Street was chaired by R. G. Lowrey. At the time, the preacher was 32 years of age and some members of the committee felt he was too young to pastor a church with 400 in Sunday School and 180 in Church Training. Today there are 1421 enrolled in Sunday School and 294 in Church Training. The church budget in 1944 was \$26,000; in 1979 it is \$419,738. Last fall this budget was over-subscribed by almost \$55,000 and the church totaled 577 tithers at that time. Church membership has grown to a present 2840, up from 1550 in 1944.

Under Barnes' leadership, Main Street has sponsored five missions, all of which have become self-supporting churches: Northside, South 28th Avenue, 38th Avenue and Beacon, all in Hattiesburg; and La Boca in the Canal Zone.

Thirty-five years ago the church had a part-time choir director and organist; a church secretary and janitor, in addition to the pastor. The paid church staff now includes a minister of education, minister of music, minister of youth and evangelism, director of childhood education, three secretaries, organist, pianist, hostess, director of library services; and the full-time housekeeping staff consists of a janitor and two maids.

Since June, 1944, 8797 persons have united with the Main Street church, 2297 of these for baptism.

Totals of Barnes' 46-year-plus

ministry are 14,218 additions and 5378 baptisms. This includes pastorates and 225 revivals in 12 states, the Bahamas, and Jamaica.

The Main Street church has three radio broadcasts weekly, and the morning worship service has been telecast on Channel 7, WDAM-TV, since January, 1969.

Among positions in the Southern Baptist Convention and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Barnes has served are: president, Mississippi Baptist Convention (two terms); president, Board of Directors, Southern Baptist Hospitals; President, Board of Trustees, Mississippi Baptist Seminary; chairman, Southern Baptist Committee on Boards; president, Education Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention; president, Baptist Sunday School Board, SBC; and president, Board of Trustees, William Carey College.

The committee working on plans for the anniversary celebration: Arnold Grady, chairman; Mrs. S. F. Carlisle, Mrs. H. R. McPhail, J. B. Van Slyke, Jr., Bob Geddie, and Kent Huber. E. C. (Buck) Mann, Jr., deacon chairman, is ex-officio member.

Friends of the church and of the Barnes family are invited to share in the festivities Sunday and to be guests of the church at the dinner. The Barnes' son, John Evan III, pastor of Antioch Church, Prentiss; and two daughters, Mrs. John Green of Germantown, Tenn., and Mrs. Betty McEver of Memphis, and their families, are expected to be present.

## Nicaragua

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through the convention, working with churches in Leon, Chinandega, Rivas and Esteli.

Food supplies are curtailed in the country as strikes and fighting often close markets and stores. Clashes, tension and unrest have prevailed in this Central American country for more than a year between the government of President Anastasio Somoza and guerrillas of the Sandinista National Liberation Front.



Finalists in the Youth Speakers' Tournament held at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly on June 2 included: left to right, Vickie Anderson, First Church, Amory; Risa Webb, Midway, Lauderdale Association; Lisa Barlett, First Church, Corinth.

## 950 In Bible Drills This Year Are Significant Increase Over 1978

The participation of 950 boys and girls in Bible Drills this year was a significant increase over participation in 1978, according to Kermit S. King, director of Mississippi's Church Training Department which annually sponsors the drills as an activity of children's departments and youth training groups.

Participation in Children's Bible

Drill jumped from 502 last year to 623 this year. These participants were from 172 different churches in 57 associations. Both the number of churches and the number of associations are all-time highs.

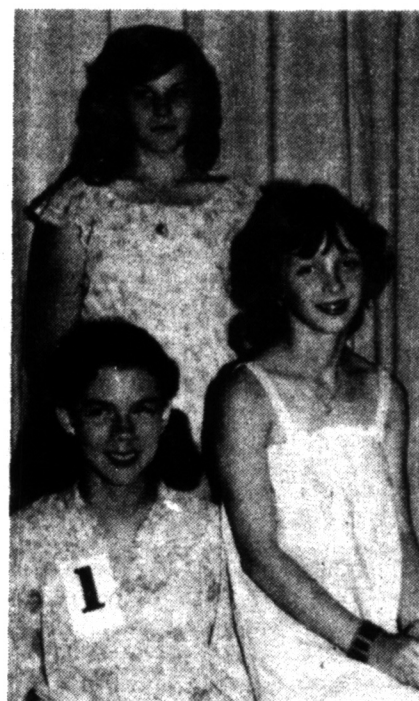
Of the 623 participants, 561 participated in the state finals. Rules of the Children's Bible Drill provide for persons to receive certificates and seals of

participation even though they do not successfully meet the requirements of participating beyond the church or the associational drills.

Of the 371 participants in the state finals of the Youth Bible Drill, 77 also participated in the selection tournament conducted in Jackson. These participants were from 101 churches in 43 associations.

A significant feature of Mississippi's promotion of the Youth Bible Drill is the inclusion of boys and girls in grades 10-12. This year there were 83 high school boys and girls in the drill, 12 of whom were twelfth graders. Six participants received the special award given those who have been in the drill for six years.

Larry Garner, youth consultant, is responsible for promoting and conducting the Youth Bible Drill.



Winners of the State's Youth Bible Drill are: seated, left to right, Carol Vogel, Peta-Harvey, representative to Glorietta; Karla Jones, Peta-Harvey, representative to Ridgecrest. Standing, Sharon Ward, First, Eudora, alternate.

## Family Enrichment Week Offers Training, Fun



Cole



Howell

"For Your Family — It's Worth It" is the theme of the 1979 Family Enrichment Week to be held at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly July 2-6.

Family Enrichment Week, according to J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission which sponsors the event, will feature conferences on all phases of family life including communication, money management, marriage enrichment, parenting, and grandparenting.

Douglas Cole, family life specialist with the North Carolina Baptist Convention will be one of the featured speakers. Other speakers include John C. Howell, author, dean, and professor of ethics and family life, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, and T. Edwin Lilly, director, Baptist Rescue Mission and family life specialist, New Orleans.

"Two special events will highlight

the conference," says Hensley. A "Fantabulous Fourth" celebration will begin Wednesday afternoon and conclude with a fireworks display on the beach at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday night's program will feature a movie, "Hazel's People," based on the novel "Happy as the Grass Was Green," a "gentle film," says the Los Angeles Times, "which has the audacity to suggest that simplicity and goodness still exist."

Cost per person, per day for the conference is as follows: 2 people in rooms — \$17.50; 3-4 people — \$15.50; 5-8 people — \$13.50. Children 2-12 are charged half the adult rate; under two, 50 cents per day.

To make reservations for your family, send \$15.00 deposit for each person over two years of age to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS 39571.

"Women generally become alcoholics in a fraction of the time it takes men. Alcohol physically affects women different than men. It may take a man 5 to 20 years to become a chronic alcoholic, but the average time for a woman is just two years," explains Penny Clemmons, psychotherapist and president of the San Fernando Counseling Center, Los Angeles, California.

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### Mississippi Baptist Activities

June 18—Sunday School Teaching and Growth Conference, Hernando Church, Hernando, 7:00-9:30 p.m.

June 19—Sunday School Teaching and Growth Conference, First Church, Holly Springs, 7:00-9:30 p.m.

June 21—Sunday School Teaching and Growth Conference, First Church, Batesville, 7:00-9:30 p.m.

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# The Baptist Record

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## Editorials

### For Fathers . . .

## "Bring Up A Child . . ."

Thoughts on being a father bring forth considerations of the challenges, the rewards, and the dangers. The Scripture is not without its admonitions concerning the relationship between a child and its parents. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it." Then when that is being accomplished by the parents the Scripture tells the child: "For God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and mother; and, he that curseth father or mother, let him die the death." (Matthew 15:4).

So as we approach Father's Day the challenge is laid out for us that we would train our children in the right way; and when we do, we can confidently expect that their paths, upon reaching maturity, will be directed in

the right way.

The child is not without his responsibilities, of course; for he is commanded to honor his parents. And therein lies the reward, for it is truly a rewarding experience when fathers and children have such a healthy respect and regard for each other.

There are dangers, and sometimes those who are devoted to religious causes can be the worst offenders. If we are not judicious we might be tempted to spend so much time trying to provide a good life for our families (for our families?) that we neglect the very people we are trying, or say we are trying, to help. Sometimes it takes a lot of work just to provide the necessities, but the matter needs to be handled judiciously.

The happy family relationship is a

very wonderful thing, and the Scripture can be the outline to achieving that condition.

And might I be allowed at this point to pay a special tribute to my own father. M. T. McGregor was 27 years of age, a farmer, and a deacon when he surrendered to the ministry. That was 50 years ago. He still preaches on occasion as he supplies in pulpits around the association which he served for 22 years as director of missions.

His companion of 56 years passed on April 22, and this was a shock; but he has preached on at least two Sundays since then.

Before becoming director of missions in Hope Association in Arkansas he had just shortly before received his master of arts degree from Baylor

University and was taking work at Southwestern Seminary as he was serving as pastor of a small church in South Texas. Walker Knight, editor of Home Missions Magazine, followed him as pastor of that church.

Most of his pastorates were in west Texas, and that is where the writer grew up. It was a very interesting experience to live in a pastor's home, and I feel that it was healthy.

My father left the pastorate to become a chaplain during World War II. He served on a troop ship crossing the Atlantic, as a hospital chaplain in Louisiana, and as a chaplain at the staging area in England as the invasion of Europe approached. He has had a full ministry, and it is not over yet.—DTM



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### Tishomingo

On the second day of June my true love said to me, "Get ready now, if we're going camping on this vacation." We drove down the hill and I asked, "Did you bring the blankets?" "No," he said to me. So we drove around the block, got two blankets, and left again. "Let's try Tishomingo Park," he said. "Did you bring the radio?"

"No," I said to him. So we went back home and soon we left a third time. Up the Natchez Trace we drove. Then through Tupelo and Fulton and Belmont and Dennis.

He asked, "Did you make the reservations?"

"No," I said. "I didn't have time." Some places roll out the red carpet, but Tishomingo Park extends a canopy of green, so leafy thick you can't see the sky. "Look at the lake," I said. "How clear the water is! Breathe that air!" But he just kept driving on the winding road, even though the gas gauge was near the empty mark.

The sign said, "Office. We close at 4:30." It was 5 p.m.

We found the swinging bridge. W. D. walked across, but I stood hesitantly at one end looking dizzily down at Bear Creek far below.

While I read a historic marker W. D. waited in the truck, and the ranger, I suppose, thought we were lost. He stopped and said, "The campsite is across the lake, and I'll rent you No. 14. It's the only one left."

All the spaces were full, including No. 14. The service stations were closed and we didn't have enough gas to go to Coleman Park that day. What to do? But the woman at No. 14 called, "We are going home. It looks like rain!"

"No," I said. "I think the rain will blow on over."

I set the cooler on the picnic table. W. D. unloaded the stove and prepared to light it. I felt a drop of moisture fall from the sky. A weeping willow? No, a pine. They sigh, I thought, but I guess they don't weep.

On the second day of June my true love said to me at 6 p.m.: "I think it's

raining," so we jumped into the 4.5 x 7 foot camper on the back of the Datsun pickup. We made up the bed while sitting in the middle of it and then realized the groceries were under the bed. He said, "I can't make coffee in the rain."

I said, "What will we eat for supper?"

He said, "I don't know, but I'm not going to cook in the rain." So I stood on my head and fished some peanut butter and crackers out from under the bed. And he-umbrellaed with a towel I dug a canteen out of the cooler. The water jug was unhidden, so it furnished us with a fine beverage for washing down the cracker crumbs.

"I'm cold," I complained. He covered the broken window and found the blankets. The rain on the metal roof sounded like hailstones; it seemed strange to be in bed at 6:30, but we soon slept.

I could tell you about our nice camper neighbors, John and Lucy of Tupelo, and their two children . . . she said she was the former Lucy Shirley, a graduate of Blue Mountain.

I could tell you about our hike along Saddle Ridge, where Chief Tishomingo and his warriors used to ride among the enormous lichen-covered boulders, looking down on the treetops. I could tell you about the Monday morning fog over the water and the sunshine that followed it, or about the four ducks and the drake that came to breakfast.

But the part I liked best about Tishomingo was the rainy Sunday morning. W. D. rolled back the mattress and set the propane-burning stove inside the camper and cooked bacon and eggs. I'd forgotten to buy a loaf of bread, so we ate hot dog buns.

Though disappointed that the 8 o'clock worship service had been cancelled because of the downpour we had our private time of worship. In the secure shelter, we looked out the back door at the rain. I knew then what the psalmist meant when he described God as "my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort... my fortress."

## May Is Second Highest Month In Missions Gifts

May was the second highest month for Cooperative Program gifts for 1979, according to an announcement by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and the second highest month on record.

In 1978, May was also the second highest month, but the \$933,982 in Cooperative Program gifts from Mississippi Baptist churches this year was an increase of \$129,877 over the gifts of the same month last year.

The gifts for May brought the total receipts for the year through the Cooperative Program to \$4,193,283. This was an increase of \$551,437 over the same period of last year. That amounts to an increase of 15.1 per cent, Kelly pointed out. For the month the increase was 16.1 per cent.

A five-months period of the annual \$10 million budget would be \$4,166,667,

meaning the missions budget for the state thus far is \$26,616 ahead of the budget.

The record month in Cooperative Program history in Mississippi was January of this year with \$991,875 — just \$8,125 short of \$1 million. The May figure is only \$57,893 short of the January record and is a greater amount than the record had been prior to January. The previous record was \$878,401 established in August of 1978.

"In spite of extreme hardships such as the Easter flood Mississippi Baptists have continued to make missions a top priority of their lives," Kelly said. "This is highly significant at a time when interest in the goals of Bold Mission Thrust could be waning."

Bold Mission Thrust is the Southern Baptist Convention effort to provide a Christian witness to every person in the world before the end of the century.

### Help From North Carolina . . .

## Many Flood Needs Still Unmet

The following letter was received in the office of the Baptist Record last week:

Raleigh, N.C.  
May 26th, 1979

The Baptist Record  
515 Mississippi Street  
Jackson, Mississippi  
Dear Mr. McGregor:

I have read so much about the Jackson flood in the Baptist Record since Easter Sunday and prayed about it too, that I remembered a little story of a little boy who after his father had prayed to the Lord every night that He would take care of the widow Jones

and her children that one night after he had prayed so long, the son said, "Pa, will you give me some of your corn?" The father said, "Sure son, but what do you want with it." And the son said, "I want to answer your prayers with it."

Old as I am, I have discovered that many of my prayers can be answered by me. I am enclosing a small amount to be used wherever you may see fit. Since I do not know who to make it payable to, will you do that for me, and I will be better pleased.

I am also enclosing check for my renewal subscription.

Sincerely,  
George L. Stockstill

This check was a substantial one, not a small amount as was indicated in the letter. And although interest within Mississippi in the welfare of the victims of the flood may have died down, the needs have not gone away. Many people have suffered terribly because of this flood, and it will be several years before the impact of it will not continue to be felt.

Money is the primary answer to the needs of the flood victims. Clothes have come in in much greater quantities than could be used. This sort of spirit in giving has not been matched as money has been involved.

The families in the path of the

muddy waters had the interior of their homes gutted and lost food supplies sometimes totaling several hundred dollars. Well-stocked home freezers were wiped out. This story has been told before, but the interest in helping tends to go away before the need does.

Those families need money, and they need people to help them work on putting their houses back into liveable shape. The money fits all needs and can be used in any circumstance. Those who are going to help in restoring the houses need to know what they are doing. But the needs are still great and must be met. We must not forget these families.

### Southern Baptists in Canada . . .

## Feel A Part Of Convention

One of the most interesting aspects of visiting the Royal Heights Baptist Church in Delta, British Columbia, Canada, was finding that Mrs. Lois Williams of Ridgewood Road in Jackson also was a visitor there for that worship service. She is a member of Colonial Heights Church in Jackson.

Mrs. Williams was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Myra Ottewell, who lives in that area. Mrs. Ottewell is a graduate of Mississippi University for Women at Columbus. She went to Delta as a Baptist Student Union summer missionary and liked what she found so much that she moved back up there after graduation. She is a true southern Southern Baptist living in Canada. But then, she is not a great deal different from any of the other Southern Baptists who are living there, whether they are Canadian born or products of the United States. I even found one young lady from McAllen, Texas, which is in the heart of the lower Rio Grande valley. At least one family lives in Washington state and drives across the border each Sunday for services.

A Mission Service Corps couple is at work in the Royal Heights Church. They are Jim and Wilma Barrentine of Heber Springs, Ark. He is a retired artillery officer who served in World War II. He had been stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and was familiar with the area. He retired in 1965 and moved to Arkansas in 1966. It was 1978 when they decided on volunteer mission service. They sold their house in Heber Springs and bought a camping trailer and volunteered for a year. They plan to go back to the New Orleans area when they have completed their services.

Barrentine is director of the Sunday School at a satellite church of Royal

Heights. It is the Village Hill Mission. The mission has 20 to 25 in Sunday School and has reached about 35 families in the area. He is also in charge of visitation for the sponsoring church. Mrs. Barrentine is Woman's Missionary Union president for the church. She is also association WMU director.

The Royal Heights Church, the Barrentines said, is a missions-minded congregation.

At lunch and during a Sunday afternoon visit, Pastor Allen Schmidt pointed out that there are 36 Southern Baptist churches in Canada. At that point six of them were pastorless.

Ninety per cent of the Canadian population lives within 200 miles of the United States border, he said. It is a fertile field, and it needs the Southern Baptist type of witness, he declared.

Bo Brantley, a native of Alabama, started the Southern Baptist church in Victoria, British Columbia, in September of 1975. He started with nine members and now has a congregation of 112. Most of the membership came into the church by baptism. There had been 85 baptisms in the church on the date of our conversation. The Sunday School averages 105 in attendance.

On the day I visited Brantley, along with Weldon Stevens, director of missions for Washington's Olympic Association, another visitor was Tom Monroe, pastor of the Oakland Heights Baptist Church in Longview, Texas.

"The Southern Baptist churches in Canada are more committed to the Southern Baptist Convention than the churches he had been in in the South," Brantley declared. He said there had been a suggestion that the Canadian Southern Baptist churches establish their mission board, but he could see no reason for that. "We should support

the one we have," he said.

Most of the 23 million Canadians live near the U.S. border, and they are familiar with the U.S. through television, he said. "The Canadians know much about the U.S."

Brantley's church gives 12 per cent of its income through the Cooperative Program and 3 per cent to association missions. He praised the work of the Northwest Convention and pointed out that until last year the Canadian churches were off limits to SBC agencies.

"As Canadian Southern Baptists we are extremely happy that the major hurdle has been cleared," he said of the decision in Atlanta to allow the boards and agencies to work with the Canadian churches. "We would like for our messengers to be seated, but we will not push for it."

The population of Victoria is 250,000, but there will be only 6,000 persons in evangelical worship services on Sunday. Brantley's church is the only Southern Baptist church in the city, though there are six Baptist churches in all.

"The cult groups are going wild," he said. He mentioned Jehovah's Witness, Mormon, and Pentecostal groups.

"We feel that Southern Baptists offer something unique in our concept of the local church and in our commitment to missions," Brantley declared. He added that Southern Baptists need to realize "our uniqueness and capitalize on it." There is no telling, he said, how many Christian young people there are floating around Victoria. "There are hundreds, and they are no help to the local church."

There were no missions efforts by the other evangelical groups until the Southern Baptist arrived, he said. The

attitude had been, "Why start new churches? We have enough Baptist churches for all the Baptists here." The SBC church now has a good relationship with the other evangelical churches in the city, he said. He uses another Baptist church's baptistry.

This is the type of people who are the Southern Baptists in Canada. They are more than a little like us. Should the international boundary prevent their messengers from being seated at the Southern Baptist Convention and their young people from being accepted for foreign mission service? It is a knotty question but one that will have to be answered before too many years.

The Canadians say they are different from any other Southern Baptist related church outside the United States, and it is not the fact that they speak English. It is because they are not the products of foreign missions efforts, they say. They pointed out that they receive no subsidy from the foreign mission board and no missionaries have ever served their congregations. They feel that they already are standing shoulder to shoulder with the rest of us and provide an evangelical witness in the name of the Lord and Southern Baptists where it is desperately needed.

They feel they are a part of us. It is a difficult point to argue.

I have always in my own thought summed up individual liberty, and business liberty, and every other kind of liberty, in the phrase that is common in the sporting world, "A free field and no favor." — Woodrow Wilson

## Book Reviews

at 12 and then went on to win a bronze medal in the Olympics. Four times he won the Canadian alpine championship, but never the World Cup. He says this was hard for him to understand because he believed God had called him to be a champion skier — and how could God use a loser? He finally discovered that God could work through him, winner or not. He says, "God doesn't necessarily use winners all the time. He uses people who say, 'I'm here, Lord, I'm available.'"

**APPROACHING THE DECADE OF SHOCK** by Clifford Wilson and John Weldon (Master Books, 194 pp., \$5.95) The authors believe that the 1980's will be a "decade of shock." They discuss the present Nuclear threat; terroristic movements; the race between the U.S. and Communism (a race they say we may be losing); Military Arms proliferation; energy crisis; pollution (land, sea, air); economic crises; the compu-

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**DARK THREADS THE WEAVER NEEDS** by Herbert Lockyer (Fleming H. Revell, 127 pp., \$5.95) During periods of trial and grief, some people feel self-pity, seeing only injustice in their circumstances. Author Herbert Lockyer, age 92, has written this book in which he says, "We must remember that the Lord has a glorious end in view; our suffering serves to provide the dark threads the weaver needs. He makes us perfect through the suffering we endure." Lockyer spent 25 years as a pastor in England and Scotland and has written more than 40 books.

**THE GREAT UNVEILING** by W. Graham Scroggie (Zondervan, 143 pp., \$7.95) A widely known British Baptist preacher presents "an analytical study" of the book of Revelation. In a very frank and fair manner he discusses the four major schools of interpretation of the book, and then elaborates on his own conclusion that the Futurist interpretation is the correct one. This is not a commentary, but the author's unaltered "Lecture Notes" on the book. Topics include the authorship, the relation to the rest of the Bible, Christ as the central subject, the interpretation, and a series of 230 questions which cover the book chapter by chapter. This is a source book and study guide for study of the last book of the Bible.

Youth comes but once in a lifetime. — Longfellow — "Hyperion"

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## Mississippians Active In Singapore Church

SINGAPORE — Being transferred 10,000 miles from Mississippi to Singapore could make anyone panic. But Jesse Wilkins wanted the promotion and his wife Callie saw it as an exciting opportunity to participate personally in foreign missions.

Once settled, the whole family became involved in the programs of International Baptist Church in Singapore. But Callie wasn't satisfied; she wanted to do more.

She heard that the Baptist Centre had a piano teaching program but had recently lost their only piano teacher. A veteran piano teacher in public schools back home in Mississippi, she volunteered to fill the vacancy.

Now she teaches children and young people without charge. She also teaches the director and assistant director of the center enabling them to teach beginning pupils.

In Mississippi, the Wilkinses attended Union Baptist Church in Picayune.



Callie Wilkins

## Just For The Record



Crowder Church members gathered at the new pastorium for dedication services on April 29. Ben Scarborough, New Prospect Church, Oxford, led the hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." Pastor Truman Scarborough welcomed the group. Olyn Roberts, pastor, West Marks Church and moderator of Quitman Association, led the invocation. Hugh Scarborough, deacon and Sunday School teacher at Harrisville Church, and father of Pastor Crowder, delivered the dedicatory message. W. W. Pat Atkinson, chairman of deacons, led the dedicatory prayer. Left to right are the pastor's family, Aletha, Delores, Hannah, and Scarborough. And presenting the keys to the house: Billy H. Holcombe, chairman of the building committee, Jake Clark, and Leonard Gee, builders. (Photo by Harold Smith)



EAST COLUMBIA church, Columbia, recently honored its pianist and organist at annual choir fellowship. Left to right: PHIL O'DONNELL, minister of music; JEANE WILLOUGHBY, organist; LYNN JOHNSON, pianist; ROBERT FULLERTON, pastor.

First Church, Orange Grove had a note burning ceremony recently to celebrate the payment of indebtedness on the pastor's home. This followed a special morning service and dinner on the grounds. Bob Storie is the interim pastor.

Iuka Church (Tishomingo) who purchased two lots adjoining the church plant in 1976, retired the debt on the property June 3. Charles Dampier is pastor.

Liberty Hill Church, one of the oldest churches in Panola County, is planning homecoming ceremonies for June 24. Joseph Flowers, recently retired after 35 years with West Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, VA, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Flowers was pastor of Liberty Hill Church in the 1930's.

A basket lunch will follow the morning worship. Former pastors, former members, and friends are invited. James L. Bailey is pastor.

A note burning ceremony was held May 6, 1979 at the Shady Grove Church in Tippah Association. The service also recognized the church's second anniversary in the new building which includes sanctuary and educational space.

During the building program Shady Grove continued to increase contributions to world missions through the Cooperative Program and association missions. For the past several years all church income during December has been added to the special offering for foreign missions.

In 1978, Shady Grove, a rural church with a total membership of 119, gave \$2,129.82 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions. An additional 10% of that amount was given to the Cooperative Program and 5% to association missions.

Members of the Building Committee are: Billy Simmons, Clyde Graves, Vernon Davis, Terry Holly, Eugene Street. James M. Moore is pastor.

## Four From State Receive Degrees From Southern

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Four students from Mississippi were among the more than 300 graduates of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary June 6.

Those receiving degrees included: Master of Church Music — Lawrence Darwin Brooks, Tupelo; Conrad Herbert Howell, Pontotoc.

Master of Religious Education —

Gary Clinton Lowe, Jackson; Laurie Kirkland Taylor, Jackson.

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer elect of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention addressed the largest graduating class in the 120-year history of the school during commencement activities.

## Names In The News

A Mississippi native who now lives in South Carolina has resigned a church position to devote full time to



Buckley

evangelism and sacred concert work. Sidney L. Buckley will begin his new ministry July 1. For the past 12 years he has been minister of music at First Church, Easley, S. C. During this time he also has been professor of music at Furman University. A native of Columbia, Miss., he is a son of Rev. and Mrs. Porter W. Buckley of Columbia. Several years ago he was minister of music at First Church, Gulfport. He is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. He earned the doctor of music degree from Florida State University. In 1971 Buckley was soloist for the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference. He has presented several sacred concerts and led music for revivals in various Mississippi churches.

Jeannie Storie, public school teacher in Jackson County, will be a summer missionary in Boulder, Colo. for 10 weeks. The Jackson County Association will help pay for her expenses on this Bold Mission project.

Charles Sumrall has surrendered to preach, and Deer Creek Church, where he is a member, licensed him to the gospel ministry on April 29. He and his family live at Rolling Fork and have been residents of Sharkey County for 15 years. Sumrall is available for supply preaching or for presentation of his testimony. He may be contacted by calling 873-2881, according to Larry Barlow, the Deer Creek pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. McEachin, missionaries to Taiwan, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o J. W. Parrish, Box 1837, Winter Park, Fla. 32790). He was born in Albany, Ga., and grew up in Miami, Fla. The former Mary Blair Parrish, she was born in Plant City, Fla., and lived in Laurel, Miss., and Miami while growing up. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1974, he was a teacher for the Orange County School Board, Orlando, Fla.

## Staff Changes

Tom Hollowell has assumed the duties of pastor at First Church, Nicholson March 25. Before becoming pastor, Hollowell served the church as interim pastor for four months.

Hollowell, a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, is married to the former Linda Betts of Columbus. They have four children: Lynn, Doug, Dawn, and Mark.

Terry Mayo of Louisville has been called as pastor of the East County Line Church in the Attala Association. He has served as interim pastor of this church for the past several months.

John Cockrell, pastor of Unity Church, West, Mississippi, has been called as pastor of the North Union Church. Cockrell who will continue as pastor at Unity, succeeds B. B. McGee who served as pastor and later as interim pastor at North Union.

H. Frank Smith has assumed the pastorate of the Concord Church in Rankin Association. He goes to Concord after serving Mountain Creek Church (Rankin) as pastor.

Smith is married to the former Shirley Griffith of Prentiss. They have two sons, Joe and Tim.

McCool Church in the Attala Baptist Association has called John Calvin Kelly as pastor. A native of Yazoo City, the new pastor is a recent graduate of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He will begin his ministry on June 24.

Shuqualak has called J. P. Spencer of Columbus and a student at Clarke College as Minister of Youth and Music.

Billy Williams has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Gautier. He goes there from New Hope Church, Foxworth. Williams is a native of Aberdeen and a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He received a Doctor of Ministries degree from the latter. He and his wife have two children.



James E. (Jim) Keyser, his wife, Jeanette, and two children, Eddie and Mary, have moved to Calhoun City where he has joined the staff at the First Church as Assistant Pastor for Music, Education and Youth. The Keyser family moved from First Church, Naples, Florida where he served as Minister of Music and Youth for 4½ years. Before going to Florida, Keyser served as chairman of the Fine Arts Department at Northwest Junior College, Senatobia for 10 years. He received his education from Louisiana State University and the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Anthony S. Kay is pastor.

Paul B. Williamson Jr. pastor of Richland Church, Richland, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Monticello, FL. He will begin his ministry there July 1.

During Williamson's nine year ministry at Richland, the church completed a 1200 seat sanctuary, started a bus ministry, and added 1101 new members. Williamson served as chairman of evangelism, moderator, and president of the Rankin Baptist Pastor's Conference while at Richland Church.

Henry M. Willingham has been called as minister of music and youth of Mt. Vernon Church, Columbus. A graduate of Mississippi College, Willingham received the Master of Church Music degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Sherry Gee of Grenada. They have two daughters, Angie and Raina. Charles M. Bagwell is pastor.

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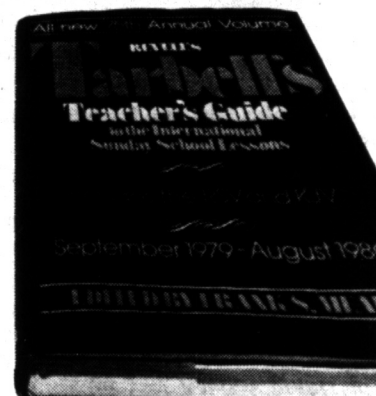
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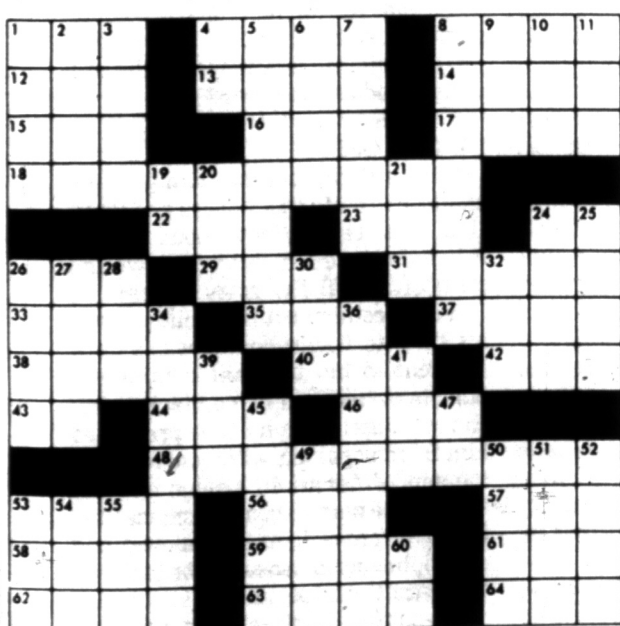
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Today's Cryptoverse clue: P equals T

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# Lauderdale Laymen Add Annex To Meehan Mission

By Anne McWilliams

Lauderdale laymen have been building a church in Alta, Calif., so men of the association decided to volunteer for a Bold Mission construction project in Mississippi. They have started an education building at Meehan, a mis-



V. G. Wilkinson, member of Carmel Church, and Meridian contractor, is supervising the construction.



Willard Moore and V. G. Wilkinson help spread the dirt-fill which will be a foundation for the concrete floor.

sion of the association.

Leon Young, director of missions for Lauderdale Baptists, and pastor at Meehan since it was reactivated in July 1975, is organizer of the volunteer crews.

V. G. Wilkinson, member of the Carmel Church and a local contractor, is supervising the pouring of the concrete slab and building of the walls. He stated that the 30 x 48 structure will include recreation room, kitchen, two restrooms, and two classrooms. (It was he who built the sanctuary when the mission was organized 15 years ago. Services stopped at Meehan in 1968 and started again in 1975.)

Men are working at the mission on Saturdays, as the weather permits, and sometimes during the week. Completion date has been set for September 1. In early May Wilkinson staked out the foundation; then volunteers from Carmel Church dug footings, poured concrete, and laid blocks for the foundation. A dirt-fill has been made inside the foundation for the concrete floor.

Marion Church laymen and their pastor Edsol Wells and Bethany Church laymen and their pastor J. D. Garrard have offered to do the plumbing and the under-the-floor part is finished. Also Marion volunteers will install the roof. Electricians have expressed their readiness to be at the mission's service.

"Volunteer labor is needed for laying blocks and doing general carpentry work," Young said. The Lauderdale Association office phone number is 483-1419.

The Executive Committee of the association called a meeting May 21 to



David Turnage shovels.

authorize a loan of \$15,000 for Meehan to help in the construction of the building. Much of the labor will be free, but some is under contract. Associational contributions plus Meehan offerings will pay for materials and for labor that is not free.

The Meehan mission is three miles east of Chunky, a couple of hundred yards off Highway 80. The 21 members have renovated the sanctuary with new carpet, pews, piano, pulpit stand, stained glass windows, decorative beams, new roof, and fresh paint inside and outside. Though small, the auditorium is exceedingly attractive. Sunday School, Church Training, morning and evening preaching services, are all on the mission agenda.

Willard Moore, retired Air Force man, is music director. David Turnage, battery salesman, teaches an Adult Sunday School class. Both live at Meehan. Turnage said, "I believe this addition will aid our Sunday School in reaching others. Up until now we have not had any Sunday School rooms, and I believe the annex will encourage more people to come."

He said he believes the church has a potential for growth. "Lots of people live in the community who don't attend any church. Goodwater Church and Chunky Church are both three miles away."

Reaching people for Sunday School and preaching, sharing with them the Good News of the gospel — these constitute a bold mission project, he and Moore and Wilkinson agreed, just as much in Mississippi as in California.

Last summer 12 men from Lauderdale Association started building a church in Alta, Calif. Eleven will return to complete the building, June 25-July 3. They will stay at Camp Alta, a Southern Baptist assembly.

## Revival Dates

**Pearl Valley (Cophah):** June 17-22; Jerome McLendon, evangelist; Dale Sullivan, music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; weekday 7:30 p.m.; Services held in the recently completed building; E. N. Sullivan, pastor.

**Smyrna (Cophah):** June 10-15; Sunday morning service, 11 o'clock, followed by dinner fellowship hour. Evening services Sunday through Friday begin at 7:30. Dexter Ware, pastor, preaching; C. H. Batson, song leader; Susan Hammock, pianist.

**Rock Bluff (Smith):** June 17-22; Nelson Crozier, evangelist for 7:30 p.m. services Sun.-Fri.; Gary Daniel, guest speaker for the 10:45 a.m. service Sunday; Jerry Measels, pastor; George Boone, church music director; George Dukes, visiting singer for revival; Homecoming Day on June 17, with dinner on the grounds.

**Macedonia Church (Lebanon):** June 17-22; Burl T. Patterson, pastor, Manor Church, Mobile, AL, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, Hattiesburg, song leader; Gerald Aultman, pastor.

**Liverpool Church (Yazoo):** June 10-15; Sunday morning worship followed by a covered basket dinner on the grounds; afternoon service at 1:15. Monday through Friday services at 7 p.m.; Keith Stephens, former pastor of Liverpool Church now at Delta City Baptist Church, evangelist; Don Kenyon, Jackson, music director; Larry McDonald, pastor.

**Elon (Noxubee):** June 25-27; Gene Henderson, pastor of Fairview, Columbus, evangelist; Bob Waldrop, minister of music at Fairview, Columbus, singer.

**Harrisville (Simpson):** June 17-22; Douglas White, First Church, Union, evangelist; Hubert Greer, Brookhaven, music evangelist; Tommy Anderson, pastor; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Revival and Homecoming Day: Pine Hill Church (Clarke):** Homecoming Day June 24; George Horne, Baton Rouge, LA, former pastor of Pine Hill, bringing morning message; everyone is invited to bring basket and join in fellowship. Revival services June 24 at 8 p.m. June 25-29 services begin at 7:30 p.m. Zaylor Wallace, Enterprise Church, evangelist; Herbert Gables, music director; W. W. Hayes, Pastor.

It is easier to be wise for others than for ourselves. — La Rochefoucauld

## Devotional

## Six Ways Of Giving As Shown In The Bible

By Byron E. Mathis, Pastor  
Calvary, Pascagoula

There are at least six ways of giving recorded in the Scriptures and they continue to be practiced even until this very day.

### I. Some Give Absolutely Nothing

See Luke 12:13-21 and Luke 16:19-31. Why did these people give nothing when they had plenty? They were lost. They needed to be saved. Have you been converted? Conversion should change one from being a "getter" to becoming a "giver." "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

### II. Some Give Legally

Read Matthew 23:23, Luke 11:42 and Luke 18:9-14. These did exactly what was required legally but they were lacking in love for the Lord. They needed salvation and love for the Lord.

### III. Some Give Hypocritically

Look at Acts 5:1-11. Ananias and Sapphira belonged to the church. They were play actors or hypocrites. They gave less than they should have because they were lost.

### IV. Some Give A Tithe

You'll enjoy and profit from reading Genesis 14:18-22, Leviticus 27:30, and Malachi 3:8-12. Tithing is right, reasonable, revealing, refreshing, and rewarding. "The tithe is the Lord's"; hence it is scriptural. Tithing is beneficial when one does it from love for God and out of obedience. Begin with the tithe but never let it be the stopping point.

I have difficulty in seeing how one can trust Christ for salvation and then steal His tithe. "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

### V. Some Give Sacrificially

Acts 4:36-37 shows us how Barnabas saw needs and gave sacrificially to meet those needs. The woman described in Luke 7:37-50 gave much because she loved much. Zaccheus, Luke 19:1-9, gave sacrificially because he was converted and rapidly learned the joy of salvation, sacrifice and service.

Christians described in 2 Corinthians 8:1-8 gave beyond their ability, even in a time of great poverty. They sacrificed and enjoyed it because they loved Jesus.

Parents who work hard, give the last dollar, and give themselves until almost completely exhausted, find joy in sacrificing for their children because "they love much." Give till it hurts.

### VI. Some Give All

In Mark 10:28-30 Peter said, "Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee."

In Mark 12:41-44 Jesus watched how the people gave and commended the poor widow who threw in two mites. He said, "She hath cast more in, than all they which have cast in — for she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

In Acts 3:6 Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee." He has given all to Jesus.

Acts 2:45 tells of Christians who sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men as every man had need."

The stewardship needed today is that which recognizes God's ownership of everything and says, "Lord, here I am. All that I have is yours. Lead me to know how to use for your glory the time, talent, and total funds you entrust to me in life and even in death."

Review the six ways of giving and ask the Lord to help you to increase in love for Him to the point where you will obey Him fully and find joy in giving everything to Jesus.

## I Remember Papa

By the sweat of his brow he made the living, plowing by hand stubborn mules, borrowing money in advance on cotton crops not yet produced on poor soil. It was the Depression. The lower 40 he planted in corn to grind meal and feed. He gave Mama an acre to claim the profits for her own.

He was strict and we knew better than ever to talk back to him. His theory was discipline, hard work, and honesty, all of which paid off in us ten children. — Sarah Peugh

## Life and Work Lesson

## Belief In God Enough?

By Joe N. McKeever  
Hosea 4:5-6

I sat in a convention hall in Cincinnati last summer and listened as Madalyn Murray O'Hair lambasted Christians for their "ridiculous" beliefs. While she went out of her way to be obnoxious, she made at least one point that I found myself agreeing with.

"Regardless of what you say you believe," she shouted, "thousands of you so-called Christians are practicing atheists!" Ouch! She was uncomfortably on target.

I think of David staring at Saul's army which had been paralyzed by the ugly giant, Goliath. "How dare this uncircumcised Philistine defy the army of the living God?" he declared. David was upset at the way the Giant overestimated himself, and the Israelites underestimated themselves. They claimed to be the army of God, but looked for all the world like a bunch of spiritual orphans, deserted by whatever god they had at one time followed. Practicing atheists.

And so with the people of Israel during the days that Hosea preached.

### God's Charge (4:1-3a)

The Lord through His mouthpiece identifies three root causes for the sad state of affairs in Israel. There is no truth, no mercy, and no knowledge.

By truth, God meant integrity and inner purity. Mercy refers to compassion toward others. Knowledge specifically means the knowledge of God, that is, a personal relationship and commitment to Him.

As a result of this spiritual vacuum, the behaviour of the people is immoral, profane, and violent. Furthermore, God says the land suffers. (We recall that in II Chronicles 7:14 God tells how the land can be healed.) And the people are in despair.

Such a condition in God's nation concerned Him greatly. So, He pointed the finger of accusation at the ones most responsible — the spiritual leaders.

### God's Diagnosis (4:6)

If the children in the home are chronically underfed and ill, the problem must lie with the parents. If the students throughout the school remain ignorant, the fault probably belongs to the teachers and administration. And what about if the people of the country

know nothing of God...

There is a progression in verse 6. The priests forgot God's law... therefore did not teach the people... who in turn did not know God... and as a result were being destroyed for lack of such knowledge... so the priests were to be rejected by God... and their children after them.

"Destroyed for lack of knowledge." Does that phrase haunt you as it does me? A lack of knowledge can surely destroy one... or a civilization. Think of the Black Plague of the 14th century. Had they known a few laws of sanitation and quarantine, millions would have been spared.

God's people are to be characterized by knowledge. It was to the Sadducees that Jesus said, "Ye do err in not knowing the Scriptures or the power of God." But no Christian should fail in such vital ways.

### The People's Depravity (4:12-13a)

See the people of God running to wooden idols asking for advice. Watch them calling on the diviner's wand for knowledge. Yet hovering over all these proceedings is the living God, the One who alone can give knowledge and guidance.

A spirit of whoredoms has overtaken these "believers." What is that monster? Simply man's sensual nature turned loose. He brings that unfaithful, self-seeking, lustful spirit into his worship, his home, his dealings with other people. He uses people, indulges himself, abuses religion and totally rejects the need for repentance.

When asked why they were sacrificing offerings on tops of the mountains under those particular trees, the renegade believers answered, "The shade is so pleasant there." Only one with a dirty mind would insinuate that they were there because these were holy places to pagan gods. (Does this remind you of the lyrics of some modern songs? When you mention that they sound suggestive and offensive, you are accused of having a dirty mind.)

### God's Judgment (5:12-15)

Three judgments from God are mentioned here. All bring out different facets of His discipline upon His children.

(a) "I will be like a moth to Ep-

hraim." The name Ephraim here represented all of Israel. As the moth is small, usually unseen in its damaging work, and considered insignificant, so will the judgment of God be from the inside, but deadly. There religion and the life of their nation would suffer from dry rot, wasting away.

How many Christians do you know who formerly were effective, energetic, and enthusiastic, but through the years have fallen away from the Lord and are suffering from dry rot? There's no joy, no fruit, and no service. And do you know of churches in the same predicament?

(b) "I will be like a lion to Ephraim." See the lion pounce on his prey and tear him from limb to limb. His jaws are strong and his bite deadly. This pictures the judgment of God in a new way — not undercover and subtle, but openly and severely destroying. When the Assyrians swooped down on Israel in 722 B.C., they came as a hungry lion on a weak and helpless prey. God had judged His people.

(c) "I will go away and return to my place." This may signal the harshest judgment of all, desertion by God. God had threatened with Moses to pull back and leave Israel to her own devices, but the prophet interceded forcefully with this logic, "Lord, how shall we be different from all the people of the world, except thou be with us?" (Exodus 33:16) The presence of God was Israel's only distinction — and now, Hosea saw the end of that presence.

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan points out that when God withdrew, Israel found herself with no guidance, no holiness, no wisdom, no strength, and no love. In this passage, He speaks of abandoning a nation. In Matthew 23:37-39, we see our Lord reluctantly abandoning a city.

There is a note of hope, however. God would return to His place "until... Until the people admitted their guilt, that is, confessed their sin. And until they sought the Lord's face. There you have it. God's plan of salvation. The negative and the positive. Repentance and faith.

What an invitation! "He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us."

## Uniform Lesson

## David's Undisciplined Sons

By Larry Kennedy  
First, Laurel

2 Sam. 14:21-28; I Kings 1:5-6

From the beginning it appeared that he was destined for destruction. His mother did not know how to love; she only knew how to dominate. She breezed through a series of marriages, and he never knew the strength of a father's presence. The early years were void of love, attention, touching, discipline, and guidance. He was unattractive, rejected by his peers, and filled with self-hate. He possessed a high IQ but could never master the academic subjects. In desperation he left home and joined the Marines; however, the ridicule and rejection only intensified in the military service.

He eventually married a foreign girl, and they had two children. But in time she too rejected him. Everything he touched turned to dust. One day something snapped on the inside. He purchased a rifle and on the afternoon of November 22, 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated President John F. Kennedy. The unloved and undisciplined boy had become a callous and rebellious man.

When parents fail to love and discipline their children in the formative years, the chances are quite good that they are sowing seeds that will produce a harvest of thorns. It is not easy to rear productive children in this age of drugs, sex, and violence. There are no "pat answers" to all the problems that we face in teaching children the values that lead to wholeness and happiness. However, we must not give up. We must constantly seek God's help in loving our children in a way that would create within them a positive self-image. From the mistakes of King David maybe Father's can learn the secret of sowing seeds that produce a harvest of maturing children.

### I. Love the Mother

It could be that the greatest gift that a father can give his children is to love their mother. Children need to "hear" their father praise their mother; they also need to "see" their father touch their mother in tenderness. Affection between parents produces a strong inner security in the hearts of children. King David's problem was that there were "too many" mothers living in the palace. His polygamous relationships were the initial steps that produce con-

fusion and ambivalence in the hearts of his children.

### II. Love the children

The second gift a father can give his children is personal love. Love is more than a feeling; love is something you do. Love means spending time with them in play. It means taking the time to talk to them "eye ball to eye ball." It means taking them into your arms and touching them with your cheek. Fathers need to remember that little boys need physical affection just like little girls. Embracing your son will not produce a sissy or a homosexual. On the contrary, the little boys who receive no attention from their fathers are probably the most likely candidates for "learning" the homosexual life style. The Biblical record implies that King David had little time for his children. There was no touching, no talking, and no playing. Therefore, there was no bond of trust with them when the sons became men.

Love also means you discipline your children when they do wrong. If your child can disobey you and get away with it, he naturally assumes that he can do the same with teachers, peers, and the whole human race. King David's children repeatedly broke God's laws, but David never attempted to discipline his children. He paid a high price for his carelessness.

A child psychologist taught the ABC's of discipline. "A," he said, "stands for always be consistent and

maintain a reasonable level of discipline. If you blow your stack because he leaves the cap off the toothpaste, and then say nothing when he damages the neighbor's property, you confuse him."

B stands for "But not too busy." If you are too busy with other things, your child reads it as rejection. C stands for caring. "Men are equal partners in parenthood... a major peril to children in America is the bad parenthood of good men."

### III. Love God

The third gift a father can give his children is a life that honors and loves God. A father must be a good example if he is to lead his children down the path of moral integrity. A part of David's problem with his children was his sin with Bathsheba. It was a dark moment in his life that continually hung over his head like a black cloud. His own duplicity may have prevented him from speaking with conviction to the sins of Adonijah, Amnon and Absalom. The name Absalom means "the father of peace." As an unloved and undisciplined son, Absalom brought little peace to David's heart.

A young father asked a minister when he should start training his son. The minister asked, "How old is he?"

"He has just turned five," said the father.

"You are already five years too late," replied the minister.

## Walk A Little Plainer, Daddy

Walk a little plainer, daddy,  
Said a little boy so frail,  
I'm following in your footsteps  
And I don't want to fail.

Sometimes your steps are very plain  
Sometimes they are hard to see,  
So walk a little plainer, Daddy,  
For you are leading me.

I know that once you walked this way  
Many years ago  
And what you did along the way  
I'd really like to know,  
For sometimes when I am tempted

I don't know what to do,  
So walk a little plainer, daddy,  
For I must follow you.

Some day when I'm grown up,  
You are like I want to be.  
Then I will have a little boy  
Who will want to follow me,  
And I would want to lead him right  
And help him to be true.  
So walk a little plainer, daddy,  
For we must follow you.

—Author unknown